CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—

A.—41. (*a*) Number of Gazetted Officers, 529.

(*b*) and (*c*) Government have not got the information and do not think it necessary to collect it.

BY MR. B. SITARAMIAH,—Hiriyur Taluk.)

Q.—42. (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether, in the places where compulsory education has been introduced, sufficient accommodation for holding classes and sufficient number of teachers have been provided? If the answer be in the negative how many schools are suffering from the inconvenience resulting from the deficiency? The names of the schools may be kindly given.

(*b*) In places where the levy of Education Cess is enforced, what obstacles are there in the way of remedying the above inconveniences in the current year? What steps have Government taken to remedy the above state of things and what time will be taken in doing so?

CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—

A.—42. (*a*) It may be stated generally that in many Primary Schools in the areas where compulsory education has been introduced, the accommodation is not sufficient and additional teachers are wanted. Complete information regarding the schools for which additional accommodation and staff are required is not available, but is being collected by the Department.

(*b*) Many of the compulsory education centres are municipal towns and Education Cess is not being levied in most of them. It is doubtful whether the District Boards concerned representing rural interests will agree to make their cess funds available for meeting the expenditure on compulsory education in municipal areas. The Inspector-General has been asked to review the working of the scheme of compulsory education in the State and suggest measures for remedying the defects therein. His report in the matter is awaited.

Supplementary Questions.

Mr Sitaramiah—

With reference to answers to question No. 42 (*a*) and (*b*) will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware of any instances of prosecutions made in connection

with the compulsory education scheme and whether in places where sufficient accommodation and teachers have not been provided it is not necessary to stay prosecution proceedings?

Dewan.—

No such instances have been brought to the notice of Government. If any are brought, necessary enquiries will be instituted.

Mr. Channabasappa.—

Will the Government be pleased to state whether the scheme of Kannada Lower Secondary Examination will be introduced in schools with two masters?

First Member.—

That is not a supplementary question.

By Messrs. Kandagal Channabasappa.—(Davangere Taluk.) and Nadig Mallappa.— (Holalkere Taluk.)

Q.—43. Will the Government be pleased to state if the scheme of introducing Kannada Lower Secondary in village schools, where there are 2 masters, promised in the Budget Session of the Representative Assembly of 1924, was actually adopted? If so introduced, in what district is the scheme working? If the same has not been introduced till now, what is the reason for the delay? Is it under contemplation to bring the scheme into effect at once?

Chief Secretary to Government.—

A.—43. No promise of the kind referred to was made at the last Budget Session of the Assembly. The suggestion made in the course of discussion *re* the Kannada Lower Secondary Examination was only noted for consideration. At present only Primary Schools in localities which have no complete or Incomplete Middle Schools and which have a staff of more than 3 teachers are permitted to prepare and present candidates for the Vernacular Lower Secondary Examination. This arrangement, though not satisfactory, has been adopted as a temporary measure till Middle or Incomplete Middle Schools could be established in these centres. The extension of this arrangement to the case of schools with only two teachers is not contemplated at present as it will result in the lower classes of Primary Schools being neglected by the staff who will devote the major portion of their time in coaching up the